

Statement of Brenda Peay
Appropriations Committee
February 21, 2017

My name is Brenda Peay and I live in Bridgeport. I am writing this statement in lieu of attending because I have health issues which prevent me from traveling. I would like to let this committee know I was in desperate need of help and I had nowhere to turn. I was faced with much difficulty and was in jeopardy of losing my Shelter Plus Care housing voucher.

I was able to be helped with my housing discrimination case by CT Legal Rights Project. I suffer from health issues on top of having mental health issues. CLRP was able to get results and help me with submitting a reasonable accommodation request so that I could keep my Shelter Plus Care voucher and get my apartment.

I was in mental anguish which affects all my health issues. There is a need for CLRP's housing help. Without CLRP I would be lost. They were able to submit the proper documents which I had been denied. I know without CLRP's help I would still be in anguish. When I was ignored for months, CLRP was able to advocate for me.

CLRP is serious about protecting our rights. Their request for a reasonable accommodation has since allowed me to be able to use my voucher in my current living situation. CLRP is an asset to have in the community. Without their help I don't know what I would have done.

Thank you very much, Brenda Peay